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SUBJECT: FRANCO-ISRAELI RELATIONS: EBAN VISIT TO PARIS

1. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE ISRAELI JOURNALIST, FRENCH HAVE DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE ON EXCHANGE OF VISITS WITH ISRAEL AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL. BASING HIS INFORMATION ON DISCUSSIONS WITH QUAI AND ELYSEE SOURCES, JOURNALIST SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED GOF NOW PREPARED TO INVITE FOREIGN MINISTER EBAN TO PARIS AND AT LATER DATE TO SEND FORMIN JOBERT TO TEL AVIV. TIMING OF VISITS NOT DECIDED, AND FRENCH REPORTEDLY PONDERING WHETHER OR NOT TO ISSUE INVITATION TO EBAN IN ADVANCE OF ISRAELI ELECTIONS. JOURNALIST, WHO SEEKS TO PROMOTE FRANCO-ISRAELI RELATIONS, HAS URGED THEM TO ISSUE INVITATION BEFORE ELECTIONS.

2. COMMENT: INVITATION TO EBAN, WHICH HAS BEEN RUMORED FOR LAST SIX MONTHS, WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH INCREASING GOF EFFORTS --ESPECIALLY SINCE JOBERT BECAME FOREIGN MINISTER-- TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN LONGSTANDING DISPUTES OR ANIMOSITIES, SUCH AS ISRAEL, ALGERIA
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